FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 3B4377, submitted by Zeon Chemicals, Inc., for the use of hydrogenated butadiene/acrylonitrile copolymers in repeated use food-contact rubber articles.

The Environmental Review Team, Division of Product Manufacture and Use, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment prepared using the format described in previous 21 *CFR* 25.31a(a).

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